

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 956

By McManus

A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend Margaret Mary Gamache Weinberg upon being named the 2007 Germantown Lions Club Citizen of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Margaret Mary Gamache “Midge” Weinberg is one such admirable person, who was recently selected as the 2007 Germantown Lions Club Citizen of the Year; and

WHEREAS, evincing the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors, Midge Weinberg is highly respected in her community for her exceptional volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, since arriving in Memphis, Mrs. Weinberg has reached out to the community by dedicating her life to helping young mothers and their babies; and

WHEREAS, Midge Weinberg joined the Maternal League in 1986 and, since then, has taught teenage mothers appropriate parenting skills through the Maternal League’s Sunshine program; and

WHEREAS, a generous person whose benevolent nature knows no bounds, Mrs. Weinberg has served as an invaluable member of the Maternal League by playing a pivotal role in raising funds for the organization, particularly through the fashion show for girls and the Grisanti Dinner; and

WHEREAS, Midge Weinberg has also rendered impeccable service in numerous League offices, including those of Corresponding Secretary, Historian, Parliamentarian, and President, in which position she co-organized the Maternal League Teens, a group of young women who assist the Maternal League in its projects and programs; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Weinberg currently devotes her time as Co-Chair of This Side Up, which teaches safe sleeping practices to caregivers of newborns by distributing to all area hospitals newborn tee shirts with "This Side Up" written on the front and attending many community health fairs and talking about the importance of putting babies to sleep on their backs; and

WHEREAS, despite her busy schedule with the Maternal League, Midge Weinberg still finds time to lend her amazing talents to such worthy organizations as Bethany Home, which she serves as a member of the board, the LeBonheur Center for Children and Parents, and LeBonheur Club, which she has served as Second Vice-President, Headquarters Chairman, Buny Room Chairman, and Volunteer Services Chairman; and

WHEREAS, her remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to her reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense, as well as her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, although helping needy families takes up a great deal of her time, Midge Weinberg makes her own family her top priority; she is most appreciative of the love and support she receives from her devoted husband, Dr. Joseph Weinberg, and her two wonderful sons, Dr. Jonathan Weinberg and Dr. Stephen Weinberg; and

WHEREAS, a dinner is being held on March 3, 2008, at the Germantown Performing Arts Center in honor of Mrs. Weinberg and her meritorious contributions to the community; and

WHEREAS, Midge Weinberg is an extremely giving person who reaches out with compassion to all people, and she epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Margaret Weinberg is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that we commend Margaret Mary Gamache “Midge” Weinberg for her honorable and astute service to the good people of the Germantown community, congratulate her upon being named as the Germantown Lions Club’s Citizen of the Year for 2007, and salute her unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.